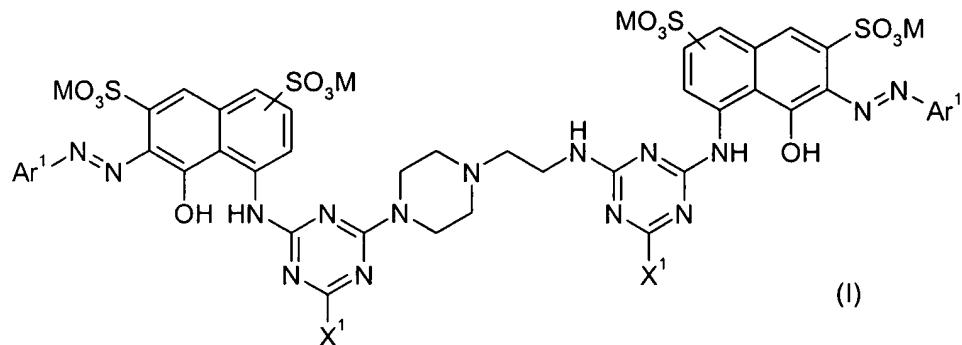
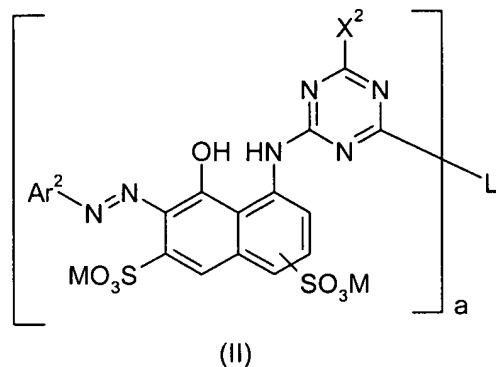


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) Mixture of fibre reactive dyes comprising one or more dyestuffs of the formula (I)



and one or more dyestuffs of the general formula (II)



where

X¹, X² are independently a labile atom or group;

Ar¹ is an aromatic residue substituted by at least one -SO₃M group;

M is hydrogen or alkali ~~metal metal, especially sodium~~;

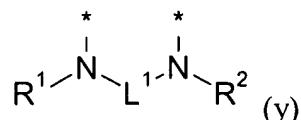
Ar² is an aromatic radical substituted with at least one -SO₃M group;

a is 1 or 2

wherein,

if a is 2

L is a divalent radical typically of the form (y)



where

R¹ and R² are independently hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl optionally substituted by -OR, -SR, -SO₃M or X, or

a phenyl group optionally substituted by a sulfonic acid group, -OR, -C₁-C₄- alkyl, or NR'COR and

L¹ is arylene or alkylene optionally substituted by a sulfonic acid group, -OR, -C₁-C₄-alkyl -COOR, or NR'COR NR'COR or -COOR,

wherein R and R' are independently hydrogen or C₁- C₄ alkyl and X is halogen

or

L is aminoethylpiperazine, under the proviso that if L is aminopiperazine, Ar¹ and Ar² are different or

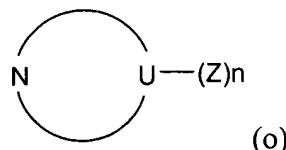
if a is 1

L is a monovalent radical -NR³R⁴, -SR³ or -OR³

where

R³ and R⁴ have one of the meanings of R¹ and R² or for

--NR³R⁴, R³ and R⁴ can form a cyclic structure of the form (o)



where

U is an C₄- C₆ alkyl residue optionally substituted by a substituent of formula Z and optionally interrupted by heteroatoms or heteroatom-containing groups such as —O—, —NR⁺—,

n is 1, 2 or 3 and

Z is hydrogen, optionally substituted C₁-C₄ alkyl, -OR⁵, -CO₂R⁵, -COR⁵ and

R⁵ is hydrogen, optionally substituted C₁-C₄ alkyl, optionally substituted vinyl, optionally substituted phenyl.

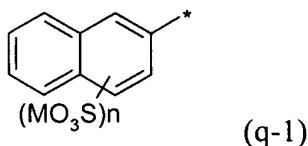
2. (Original) Dyestuff mixture according to claim 1

wherein

X¹ and X² is independently chlorine, fluorine or 3 or 4-carboxypyridinium;

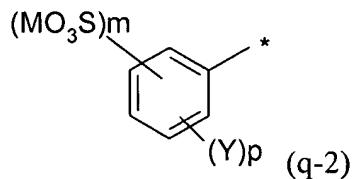
Ar¹ and Ar² is independently a naphthyl residue substituted by at least one sulfo group

(q-1)



where n is 1 to 3

or is a phenyl residue substituted by at least one sulfo group (q-2)



wherein

m is 1 or 2

p is 1 or 2 and

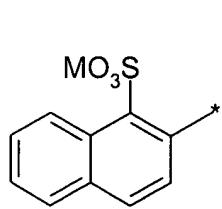
Y is independently hydrogen, halogen, R⁵, OR⁵, SR⁵, NHCOR⁵,
where R⁵ is as given in claim 1.

3. (Original) Dyestuff mixture according to claim 1

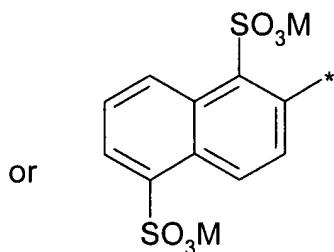
wherein

X¹ and X² is chlorine;

Ar¹ and Ar² are independently a naphthyl residue of the formula (q-11) or (q-12)

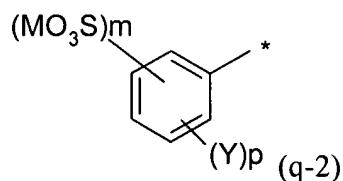


(q-11)



(q-12)

or are a phenyl residue substituted by at least one sulfo group (q-2)



wherein

m is 1 or 2

p is 1 or 2 and

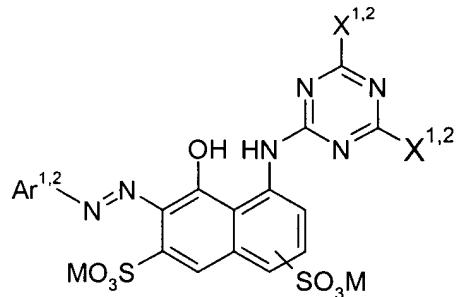
Y is methyl.

4. (Original) Dyestuff mixture according to claim 1 wherein a is 1 and L is morpholine.

5. (Currently amended) A dye mixture according to ~~at least one of the claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1 wherein a dye of formula (I) is present in the mixture in an amount of from 1% by weight to 99% by weight and a dye of the formula (II) is present in the mixture in an amount of from 99% by weight to 1% by weight.

6. (Currently amended) A dye mixture according to ~~at least one of the claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1 wherein a dye of formula (I) is present in the mixture in an amount of from 10% by weight to 90% by weight and a dye of the formula (II) is present in the mixture in an amount of from 90% by weight to 10% by weight.

7. (Currently amended) A process for preparing a dye mixture as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, which comprises reacting chromophores of formula (III)



(III)

wherein Ar¹, Ar², X¹, X² and M are as defined in claim 1 with ~~an appropriate mixture~~ a mixture of 2-aminoethylpiperazine and a diamine H-L-H, or amine H-L, wherein L is as defined above, followed by precipitation using methylated spirits and conventional filtration.

8. (Currently amended) A process for dyeing hydroxy- and/or carboxamido – containing fiber material, material which comprises applying in which dyestuffs or dyestuff mixtures ~~are applied~~ to the material and the dyes of claim 1 are fixed to the material by means of (1) heat, heat or (2) with with the aid of an alkali or (3) by means by means of heat and with the aid of an alkali, ~~which comprises dye mixtures or dyestuffs as claimed in one or more of the claims 1 to 5.~~

9. (New) A dye mixture according to claim 1, wherein

M is sodium;

U is an C₄- C₆ alkyl residue optionally substituted by a substituent of formula Z and optionally interrupted by heteroatoms or heteroatom-containing group containing –O- or -NR¹.

10. (New) A dye mixture according to claim 4 wherein the dye of formula (I) is present in the mixture in an amount of from 10% by weight to 90% by weight and the dye of the formula (II) is present in the mixture in an amount of from 90% by weight to 10% by weight.